

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2021-349-E ORDER NO. 2022-4-H

JANUARY 10, 2022

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Request the Commission to Hold a Joint Hearing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Develop Carbon Plan

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petition to Intervene of Vote Solar

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of Vote Solar in this Docket. The Petition is timely filed, and no objections to the intervention have been filed.

Vote Solar asserts that it is a non-profit, grassroots organization that works to foster economic opportunity, promote energy independence for consumers, and address environmental concerns by making solar generation accessible and cost-effective for all Americans. Vote Solar states that it works to bring solar into the mainstream by engaging at the local, state, and federal levels to help remove regulatory barriers and implement policies and programs to bring solar to scale. Vote Solar was established in 2002 and has over 110,000 members, nationally, and more than 2,000 in South Carolina, many of which take electrical service from and are located within the service territories of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP," and together with DEC, "Duke Energy"). Vote Solar is an industry group. In state regulatory proceedings, Vote Solar states that it focuses on rate design and public policy issues related to consumer use of and access to solar generation. Recognizing the importance of programs and regulatory constructs for supporting customer-sited and other forms of solar, Vote Solar notes that it has actively participated in utility commission proceedings across the country involving net metering, interconnection, rate design, and resource procurement. Vote Solar believes that it has a substantial interest in the subject matter of the instant proceeding.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.

From the discussion and assertions in Vote Solar's Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that Vote Solar has successfully satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioner's interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and its position. Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of Vote Solar is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.